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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1994

1. BELOW IS GUIDANCE ON RWANDA, SOUTH AFRICA, SOMALIA
AND LIBERIA.

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2. RWANDA - IO - CURRENT SITUATION

. PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON THE FIGHTING AND UN PEACE
EFFORTS IN RWANDA.

A. UN SOURCES REPORT THAT RPF AND GOVERNMENT FORCES
CONTINUE THEIR HEAVY FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF KIGALI. THE
SLOW RETREAT OF GOVERNMENT FORCES OUT OF KIGALI TOWARD
GITARAMA ALSO CONTINUES.

UNAMIR SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED THE MOVEMENT TODAY UNDER
UNAMIR ESCORT OF 240 RWANDAN CIVILIANS OUT OF THE MILLES
COLLINE HOTEL AND THE AMAHORO STADIUM IN KIGALI. SOME OF
THE 240 CHOSE TO GO TO GOVERNMENT-HELD AREAS AND OTHERS TO
RPF AREAS. UNAMIR HOPES THIS SUCCESSFUL TRIAL EFFORT WILL

LEAD TO AGREEMENTS FOR FURTHER RELEASES.

THE UN DEPUTY HEAD FOR PEACEKEEPING, MR. IQBAL RIZA,
DEPARTED RWANDA YESTERDAY AFTER HAVING MET WITH RPF
LEADERS IN MULINDI. AS A RESULT OF HIS MEETINGS, RPF AND

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GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE AGREED TO BEGIN TALKING
AGAIN ON MONDAY ABOUT A POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE.

3. RWANDA - AF - MEETING WITH RWANDAN AMBASSADOR

Q. IS THE DEPARTMENT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THE RWANDAN
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EMBASSY'S SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FOR THE RWANDAN ARMY?
AVE YOU CALLED THE AMBASSADOR IN?

A. THE DEPARTMENT LEARNED THAT THE RWANDAN EMBASSY IN
ASHINGTON HAS CIRCULATED A LETTER INVITING CONTRIBUTIONS
TO AN EMBASSY BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE RWANDAN
ARMED FORCES.

IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION -- INCLUDING THE UN ARMS
EMBARGO ON RWANDA AND ALLEGATIONS THAT THE RWANDAN ARMED
FORCES HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ATROCITIES AND VIOLATIONS OF
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW -- THE DEPARTMENT STRONGLY
CONDEMNS THIS ACTION.

WE HAVE CALLED IN THE RWANDAN AMBASSADOR AND INFORMED HIM
THAT THIS ACTIVITY MUST CEASE. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED TO
COMPLY. WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION CLOSELY.

Q. WITH WHOM DID THE AMBASSADOR MEET?

A. ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY EDWARD BRYNN CALLED IN THE
RWANDAN AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING.

4. SOUTH AFRICA - PM - ARMS SALES

Q. IS THE U.S. WORRIED THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL INCREASE
ITS ARMS SALES TO TROUBLED COUNTRIES IN AFRICA NOW THAT
THE UN EMBARGO IS OFF?

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A. WE ENCOURAGE ALL COUNTRIES TO USE RESTRAINT IN TRANSFERS OF MILITARY AND SENSITIVE DUAL-USE EQUIPMENT TO AREAS OF TENSION.

WHEN WE LEARN OF TRANSFERS THAT CONCERN US, WE RAISE THE ISSUE WITH THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

THIS POLICY WILL APPLY EQUALLY TO SOUTH AFRICA NOW THAT THE UN EMBARGO HAS BEEN LIFTED.

Q. IS THE U.S. CONSIDERING SELLING EXCESS DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO SOUTH AFRICA?

A. AT THIS TIME, SOUTH AFRICA REMAINS ON THE LIST OF COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PROHIBITED FROM RECEIVING U.S. DEFENSE GOODS AND SERVICES.

THESE REGULATIONS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING CHANGED.

THIS WOULD NOT AFFECT OUR FOREIGN POLICY CONTROLS ON ARMS SALES TO SOUTH AFRICA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW EACH PROPOSED SALE CLOSELY TO ENSURE THAT IT IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY GOALS IN REGARD TO SOUTH AFRICA AND THE REGION.

NOTE: REMOVING SOUTH AFRICA FROM THE PROHIBITED LIST WOULD REQUIRE A CHANGE IN STATE'S INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN ARMS REGULATIONS (ITAR).

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5. LIBERIA - AF - OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING

Q: WHAT DO YOU HAVE ABOUT REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN LIBERIA?

A: YESTERDAY MORNING MEMBERS OF ONE WING OF THE ETHNICALLY DIVIDED ULIMO MILITIA ATTACKED A RIVAL WING HEADQUARTERED IN THE CITY OF TURMANBURG, 40 MILES NORTH OF MONROVIA. FIGHTING IS REPORTED TO BE HEAVY. THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN LIBERIA (TREVOR GORDON-SOMERS) AND MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN LIBERIA (KNOWN AS ECOMOG) ARE ATTEMPTING TO MEDIATE BETWEEN THE

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TWO SIDES. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE ARE NO AMERICANS IN THE TUBMANBURG AREA.

Q: WHY ARE THE ULIMO GROUPS FIGHTING?

A: THE CURRENT CLASHES APPEAR TO STEM FROM A DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN ETHNIC KRAHN AND MANDINGO FACTIONS OF ULIMO OVER POSTS IN THE TRANSITIONAL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Q: WHAT IS THE U.S. DOING TO TRY TO END THIS FIGHTING?

A: THE UNITED STATES STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE UN AND ECOMOG EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE A CEASE-FIRE AND RESOLVE PEACEFULLY THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS. THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MONROVIA HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ULIMO MEDIATION EFFORTS.

Q: WHAT IS THE SITUATION IN MONROVIA?

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A: THE SITUATION IN MONROVIA IS CALM. THE CAPITAL IS PROTECTED BY A LARGE ECOMOG CONTINGENT.

Q: WHAT DO YOU HAVE ABOUT REPORTS OF UGANDAN PEACEKEEPERS BEING HELD HOSTAGE?

A: WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS THAT A SMALL GROUP FROM THE UGANDAN ECOMOG CONTINGENT MAY HAVE BEEN SEIZED BY MEMBERS OF ONE OF LIBERIA'S ARMED FACTIONS, BELIEVED TO BE THE LIBERIAN PEACE COUNCIL, NEAR THE PORT CITY OF BUCHANAN. EFFORTS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY BY THE UN AND ECOMOG TO SECURE THEIR RELEASE.

5. SOMALIA - IO

Q. WHERE DOES THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF RENEWAL OF THE UNOSOM MANDATE STAND, AND WHAT IS THE US POSITION ON RENEWAL?

A. THE RESOLUTION RENEWING THE MANDATE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS OPERATION IN SOMALIA IS CURRENTLY UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL. THE

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UNITED STATES SUPPORTS A LIMITED EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE,
WITH A PROVISION CALLING FOR AN EARLY REVIEW OF THE
PROGRESS THE PARTIES HAVE MADE TOWARD A POLITICAL
SETTLEMENT.

THE UN SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE
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POLITICAL RECONCILIATION AMONG THE PARTIES AND TO BRING
ABOUT A LASTING PEACE IN SOMALIA. T THE SAME TIME THE
PARTIES MUST UNDERSTAND THAT UN PEACEKEEPING CANNOT BE
PROVIDED INDEFINITELY, AND THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ACHIEVING SUCH A SETTLEMENT REMAINS WITH THEM.

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